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Boston, Mass., Feb. 24, 1916.

Mr. Howland Wood,
The American Numismatic Society,
156th St., & Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 23rd just received. This morning I heard from Maj. Higginson to the effect that he would not be interested to present the medals, but he would turn my letter over to some one else. If I find in a week's time that none of the Harvard men are interested, I will give you what impressions I can afford and send you the other medals at a very low price. If this is satisfactory, all right. If not you can return them all to me. The Lincoln medal I am striking now and expect to ship same to you with the other medals in about ten days' time. This medal is of silver. Personally I am not in a position where I can afford to furnish these medals in bronze. I wish I could, for it would be a good advertisement, but as I stated, I would be glad to give the society what medals I can afford, and the others I will put in at a nominal sum in case you are interested to purchase them. I know you will never have a better chance to purchase these now, for labor and everything is going up and in a short time I would be obliged to charge the society more than at the present time.

Yours truly,

Frederick T. Widmer

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BOSTON, MASS., May 24, 1919.

American Numismatic Society,
Howland Wood,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

You haven't heard from me for sometime, but I recently received from an estate three medals.

One is a U. S. Grant medal, and two Peace medals presented to the Indians. One Peace medal is a Martin Van Buren; the other is a James K. Polk. These are all silver.

The U. S. Grant medal is about 2-1/2 inches in diameter. On one side is the head of Grant, with the words "Let us have Peace, Liberty, Justice and Equality". On the reverse side is the Bible, farming implements and a section of the Globe, and the words "On Earth Peace, Good Will Towards Men", 1871. This medal is in splendid condition.

The Martin Van Buren medal is not in very good order. On the front is the bust of the ex-president, with the words Martin Van Buren, President of the United States, A. D. 1837. On the reverse side is the tomahawk and Peace Pipe crossed, below, which are clasped hands, and, above and below, the letters "Peace and Friendship", the latter being almost entirely obliterated. This medal is about 2-3/8 inches in diameter.

The third medal is practically the same as the Martin Van Buren medal. On the front however, is James K. Polk, President of the United States, 1846, with a bust picture of him in the centre. This is in remarkably good condition, and is about 3 inches in diameter.

Would your Society be interested to purchase these Madallions?

Awaiting your reply with interest, I am

Yours truly,

FTW:B

Ohio Archeological Society
Columbus Ohio

May 27th, 1919

Mr. Frederick T. Widener
31 West Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Widener:-

I am very glad to hear from you again. The Grant and Polk we have. Both of these are Indian Peace medals. The Van Buren medal we have not, in the size you mention and would probably be glad to get it. The condition might be the only thing against it but can tell better if you care to send it on so we can see it. Off hand I should say we would be willing to pay about $10.00 for it.

The other two medals you might offer to the Ohio Archeological Society of Columbus, Ohio, who are after certain of these medals.

Very truly yours,

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Boston, Mass., April 11, 1931

Mr Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway, Near 160 2nd St.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

We had some correspondence with you some years ago, but have somehow gotten away from you. Would you be at all interested to have us submit from time to time scarabs, or very early coins, or again, would you be willing to pass on some and if not interested advise us as to whether they were genuine or not? Hoping to hear from you further, we are

Very truly yours,

Frederick T. Widmer

FTW/AW

April 15,1931

Mr. Frederick T.Widmer

31 West Street

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I remember that some years ago we were in correspondence with you about some Harvard medals. We are not interested in scarabs nor do we know anything about. But if you come into possession of early coins, especially Greek, we might be interested. We could tell, you course, whether they were genuine or not, and to some degree, as to their rarity.

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Boston, Mass., April 16, 1931

Mr. Howland Wood
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway Between 155th and 156th Sts.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

We do not recollect having had some correspondence with you about Harvard medals. Were you collecting them? We have probably anywhere from twenty to twenty-five dies, which owing to the fact that many of the organizations have gone out of existence and are no longer using them. Have you replicas of all the Societies at Harvard? If not we might make arrangement to stamp up what we have and send on to you .

The greatest expense is in setting the dies. We can practically strike ten for the price of one.

We will bear you in mind regarding coins, which we sometimes buy and will send them on for your consideration.

Are you collecting early American miniatures or American silver? Hoping that we may hear from you further, we are

Very truly yours,

Frederick T. Widmer

FTW/AW

April 21,1931

Frederick T. Widmer
31 West Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

We are not especially interested in Harvard medals. We only bought some because at the time you happened to have specimens of them. We should be glad to hear from you whenever you happen to have some ancient coins. We are not interested in American miniatures or early silver.

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Boston, Mass., April 22, 1931

Mr. Howland Wood
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

We have among other things a number of old Chapter tokens coins. Have you a collection of these? If so we would be glad to send what we have on for your consideration. Hoping to hear from you further, we are

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Boston, Mass., May 25, 1931

Mr. Howland Wood
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Are you collecting any Chapter Coins? If so we have several, which we would be very glad to present to the Museum.

Hoping to hear from you further, we are

Very truly yours,

Frederick T. Widmer

FTW/AW

May 26, 1931.

Frederick T. Widmer
31 West Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

We have quite a collection of the earlier Chapter Pennies, but have not added many to these in the past twenty years. We would be very glad to receive any you might care to present to our Museum.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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Telephone LIBerty 3917

Boston, Mass., June 18, 1931

Mr. Howland Wood
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.
New York City, N.Y.
% The American Numismatic Society

Dear Mr. Wood:

We are getting together our collection of Chapter Pennies and will ship same to you as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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Telephone LIBerty 3917

Boston, Mass., December 10, 1934

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Upper Broadway
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Wood:

We have a number of square Oriental copper coins. We have never seen anything like them and wondered if you would be at all interested in them. We would be glad to send them on for your consideration. Hoping to hear from you further, we are

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Telephone LIBerty 3917

Boston, Mass., December 31, 1924

Mr. Howland Wood
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Wood:

Will you please report on the coins at your convenience and oblige.

Very truly yours,

Frederick T. Widmer

January 2, 1935.

Mr. Frederick T. Widmer
31 West Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Widmer:

Please pardon the delay in letting you know about the coins sent on. We are extremely busy closing up the year and I was absent several days. I have looked these over and there is nothing that has any especial value, in fact most of the coins are so poor they are worth nothing. I doubt if anyone would give you over $1.00 for the whole lot, and I think no coin dealer would give even that. I am returning the pieces by parcel post.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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Telephone LIBerty 3917

Boston, Mass., January 3, 1935

Mr. Howland Wood
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you for the information in your letter of the 2nd. Whenever we have any interesting coins, however, we are going to write you and if you wish to see them we would be pleased to send them on to you for your consideration. Thanking you again, we are

Very truly yours,

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Boston, Mass., January 17, 1935

Mr. Howland Wood
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Wood:

We are mailing you herewith a rubbing of a gold coin that was brought to us today. Is it anything that you can use? If so we would be very glad to send it on to you for your consideration. We have no price as yet, but we understand it contains about $12.00 worth of gold, but the custoner has an idea it is valueable. Hoping to hear from you further, we are

Very truly yours,

Frederick T. Widmer

FTW/AW

January 19, 1935.

Mr. Frederick T. Widmer
31 West Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

We are not interested in the gold piece of which you send a rubbing. It is not a coin but a baptismal medal. These were for the most part made in Germany in the 17th and 18th and 19th centuries and were a stock medal sold to anyone who wished to buy, as a souvenir or amulet commemorating the baptism of a child. There are few collectors as far as we know of these pieces and I doubt if it would bring more than its gold value.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator